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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached 1449 form.

Copies of the listed non-U.S. patent documents are attached, as is a copy of an English language version of a Search Report from the European Patent Office in a counterpart application, setting forth the relevance of these references.

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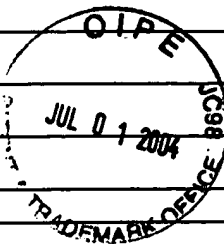
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